IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., ¹) Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)
	Hearing Date: February 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Objection Deadline: January 28, 2011

MOTION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDMENT TO POST-PETITION LETTER OF CREDIT FACILITY AGREEMENT

The Debtors request entry of an order substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit</u> I (the "Order") authorizing them but not requiring them to:

- (i) Enter into the First Amendment to Post-Petition Letter of Credit Facility Agreement (the "L/C Facility Amendment") in substantially the form attached to the Order as Exhibit A extending the Stated Termination Date of their letter of credit facility from March 1, 2011, to March 1, 2012;
- (ii) Pay an Amendment Fee of \$250,000 pursuant to the terms of the L/C Facility Amendment; and

The Debtors consist of the following 62 entities: W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc.), W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn., A-1 Bit & Tool Co., Inc., Alewife Boston Ltd., Alewife Land Corporation, Amicon, Inc., CB Biomedical, Inc. (f/k/a Circe Biomedical, Inc.), CCHP, Inc., Coalgrace, Inc., Coalgrace II, Inc., Creative Food N Fun Company, Darex Puerto Rico, Inc., Del Taco Restaurants, Inc., Dewey and Almy, LLC (f/k/a Dewey and Almy Company), Ecarg, Inc., Five Alewife Boston Ltd., G C Limited Partners I, Inc. (f/k/a Grace Cocoa Limited Partners I, Inc.), G C Management, Inc. (f/k/a Grace Cocoa Management, Inc.), GEC Management Corporation, GN Holdings, Inc., GPC Thomasville Corp., Gloucester New Communities Company, Inc., Grace A-B Inc., Grace A-B II Inc., Grace Chemical Company of Cuba, Grace Culinary Systems, Inc., Grace Drilling Company, Grace Energy Corporation, Grace Environmental, Inc., Grace Europe, Inc., Grace H-G Inc., Grace H-G II Inc., Grace Hotel Services Corporation, Grace International Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Dearborn International Holdings, Inc.), Grace Offshore Company, Grace PAR Corporation, Grace Petroleum Libya Incorporated, Grace Tarpon Investors, Inc., Grace Ventures Corp., Grace Washington, Inc., W. R. Grace Capital Corporation, W. R. Grace Land Corporation, Gracoal, Inc., Gracoal II, Inc., Guanica-Caribe Land Development Corporation, Hanover Square Corporation, Homco International, Inc., Kootenai Development Company, L B Realty, Inc., Litigation Management, Inc. (f/k/a GHSC Holding, Inc., Grace JVH, Inc., Asbestos Management, Inc.), Monolith Enterprises, Incorporated, Monroe Street, Inc., MRA Holdings Corp. (f/k/a Nestor-BNA Holdings Corporation), MRA Intermedco, Inc. (f/k/a Nestor-BNA, Inc.), MRA Staffing Systems, Inc. (f/k/a British Nursing Association, Inc.), Remedium Group, Inc. (f/k/a Environmental Liability Management, Inc., E&C Liquidating Corp., Emerson & Cuming, Inc.), Southern Oil, Resin & Fiberglass, Inc., Water Street Corporation, Axial Basin Ranch Company, CC Partners (f/k/a Cross Country Staffing), Hayden-Gulch West Coal Company and H-G Coal Company.

(iii) At any time prior to the Stated Termination Date, increase the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million and pay an associated fee of 25 basis points (one quarter of one percent) times the entire \$20 million increase (the "<u>Total Facility Increase Fee</u>").²

In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The predicates for this Motion are sections 363(b) and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code.

BACKGROUND

3. On February 16, 2010, the Court entered the L/C Facility Order, which authorized the Debtors, among other things, to enter into the Facility Agreement. The Facility Agreement provides for a letter of credit facility (the "L/C Facility") in the amount of \$100 million (the "Total Facility"). The L/C Facility enables the Debtors to provide letters of credit to counterparties on an as-needed basis during the ordinary course of their business operations. The Debtors intend to maintain the L/C Facility until they emerge from chapter 11. The Facility Agreement's Stated Termination Date is March 1, 2011.

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in, as the case may be, the Motion of Debtors for Authority to Enter into Letter of Credit and Hedging Agreements and Terminate Current DIP Facilities, Docket No. 24156 (the "L/C Facility Motion"), the Final Order Authorizing Secured Post-Petition Letter of Credit Facility and Hedging and Swap Arrangements on a Super-Priority Basis Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 364, and Granting Relief From the Automatic Stay Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362, Docket No. 24303 (the "L/C Facility Order"), the Post-Petition Letter Of Credit Facility Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2010, between the Financial Institutions from Time to Time Party Hereto, as Letter of Credit Issuers, Bank of America, N.A., as the Agent, and W. R. Grace-Conn., as the Account Party (the "Facility Agreement"), the L/C Facility Amendment or the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization in these Chapter 11 Cases, as amended, Docket Nos. 19579, 20666, 20872, 20873, 21594, 24657 & 25881 (the "Plan").

- 4. The Debtors do not anticipate emerging from their chapter 11 cases and entering into exit financing prior to the Stated Termination Date. They have therefore negotiated and agreed upon with Bank of America, N.A., (the "Agent") an extension of the Stated Termination Date until March 1, 2012. The L/C Facility Amendment contemplates the Debtors paying an Amendment Fee of \$250,000, which the Debtors submit is a fair and reasonable fee under the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases for extending the L/C Facility's term for another year.
- 5. The L/C Facility Amendment also gives the Debtors the option to increase at any time prior to the Stated Termination Date the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million in exchange for a Total Facility Increase Fee of 25 basis points of the \$20 million increase (\$50,000). The option to increase the Total Facility will allow the Debtors greater flexibility in managing their business operations as efficiently and effectively as possible. The collateral arrangements of the Facility Agreement will cover any increase in the Total Facility. All other terms and conditions of the Facility Agreement remain unchanged, including but not limited to the secured financing arrangements set forth therein (as authorized in the L/C Facility Order).
- 6. The Agent and the L/C Issuers will extend the Stated Termination Date and grant the Debtors an option to increase the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million only if the cash collateral security arrangements documented in the L/C Facility Order and the Facility Agreement continue to secure obligations under the Total Facility, and the Debtors pay the Amendment Fee and (if applicable) the Total Facility Increase Fee.
- 7. The Debtors have negotiated the L/C Facility Amendment with the Agent at arm's length and in "good faith", as Bankruptcy Code section 364(e) defines that term. Experienced counsel represented the Agent and the Debtors. Entering into the L/C Facility Amendment is in

A summary of the relevant terms of the L/C Facility, as documented by the Facility Agreement, may be found in the L/C Facility Motion.

the best interests of the Debtors' estates, because the Debtors need a letter of credit facility to conduct their daily business operations efficiently and effectively. It is a reality of modern commerce that many business counterparties demand letters of credit to secure trade and similar obligations. There are no commercially practical alternatives to having an L/C Facility, and were the Debtors to allow this L/C Facility to expire without it being renewed or replaced, the Debtors' business operations could face considerable—and entirely unnecessary—disruption.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. By this Motion, the Debtors seek authority pursuant to sections 363(b) and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code to enter into the L/C Facility Amendment, pay the Amendment Fee and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby. The Debtors also request authority to exercise an option to increase the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million, and upon exercise of that option, to pay the Total Facility Increase Fee.

ANALYSIS

The L/C Facility Amendment Is Proper Under Section 364(e)

- 9. Courts have articulated a three-part test to determine whether a debtor is entitled to obtain secured financing under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code:
 - (i) The debtor is unable to obtain unsecured credit under section 364(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, i.e., by allowing a lender only an administrative claim;
 - (ii) The credit transaction is necessary to preserve the assets of the estate; and
 - (iii) The terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable and adequate, given the circumstances of the debtor-borrower and the proposed lender.

<u>In re Ames Dep't Stores, Inc.</u>, 115 B.R. 34, 37-39 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1990).

10. The Debtors submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the requirements of section 364, as articulated in <u>Ames Dep't Stores</u> have been met, both as to the Debtors entering

into the L/C Facility Amendment and in having the authority to exercise at their discretion the option to increase the Total Facility to \$120 million.

Payment of the Amendment Fee Is a Proper Use of Estate Property Under 363(b).

- 11. Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code permits bankruptcy courts to authorize debtors to use estate property to pay fees such as the Amendment Fee. See, e.g., In re Delphi Corporation, Case No. 05-44481 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 16, 2007) (delay in exiting bankruptcy due to deteriorating commercial credit markets; secured lenders required extension fees and increase in applicable interest rates); and In re Tower Automotive, Inc., Case No. 05-10578 (ALG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 31, 2007) (delay in exiting bankruptcy due to deteriorating domestic automobile manufacturing output; secured lenders required extension fees and increase in applicable interest rates); see also In re Global Home Products, Inc., Case No. 06-10340 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. October 30, 2006); In re Dura Automotive Systems, Inc., Case No. 06-11202 (KJC) (Bankr. D. Del. June 28, 2007); In re Calpine Corp., Case No. 05-60200 (BRL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. March 5, 2007). Bankruptcy courts have generally approved such use of estate property out of the ordinary course of business when there is a sound business justification for the proposed transaction. See, e.g., Myers v. Martin (In re Martin), 91 F.3d 389, 395 (3d Cir. 1996) (noting that under normal circumstances, courts defer to a trustee's judgment concerning use of property under section 363(b) when there is a legitimate business justification); Committee of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel Corp.), 722 F.2d 1063, 1070 (2d Cir. 1983) (acknowledging the use of the "articulated business justification" for the use of property under section 363).
- 12. A debtor has the burden of establishing that a valid business purpose exists for the use of estate property in a manner that is not in the ordinary course of business. See In re Lionel Corp., 722 F.2d at 1071. Once a debtor articulates a valid business justification, however, it is

presumed that "in making a business decision the directors of a corporation acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action was in the best interests of the company." In re Integrated Resources, Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (quoting Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858, 872 (Del. 1985)). The business judgment rule therefore shields a debtor's management from judicial second-guessing. A court should approve a debtor's business decision unless that decision is a product of bad faith or gross abuse of discretion. See id.; see also Lubrizol Enters., Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers, Inc., 756 F.2d 1043, 1047 (4th Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 475 U.S. 1057 (1986).

- 13. The Debtors have a sound business purpose in paying the Amendment Fee of \$250,000. The Agent and the L/C Issuers would not enter into the L/C Facility Amendment without being paid the fee. Moreover, there is no practical alternative to extending the L/C Facility for another year, whether in terms of seeking a facility from a different issuer or simply allowing this L/C Facility to expire. Entering into the L/C Facility Amendment thus redounds to the benefit of the Debtors and their estates, and it also avoids potential disruption to the Debtors' business operations.
- 14. Likewise, the Debtors have a sound business purpose in paying the Total Facility Increase Fee upon the exercise, at their discretion, of the option to increase the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million. Having the ability to increase the Total Facility at their option gives the Debtors additional flexibility to conduct their business operations more efficiently. The Agent and the L/C Issuer are willing to grant the Debtors this option only if the Debtors pay the Total Facility Increase Fee upon the exercise of that option.
- 15. The Debtors submit that, for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested herein is an appropriate exercise of their business judgment and will inure to the benefit of the

Debtors' estates. They therefore respectfully request the Court enter the Order substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit I.

No Previous Motion

16. No previous motion for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other court.

No Briefing Schedule

17. The Debtors respectfully submit that this Motion does not present any novel issues of law requiring briefing. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 7.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local District Court Rules"), incorporated by reference in Del. Bankr. L.R. 1001-1(b), the Debtors respectfully request that the Court set aside the briefing schedule set forth in Rule 7.1.2(a) of the Local District Rules.

NOTICE

18. Notice of this Motion has been given to: (i) the office of the United States Trustee; (ii) counsel to the L/C Facility Agent and L/C Issuers; (iii) counsel to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as agent for the Debtors' prepetition lenders; (iv) counsel to each of the official committees appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases; (v) counsel to the Asbestos Personal Injury and Asbestos Property Damage Future Claimants' Representatives; and (vi) those parties that requested service and notice of papers in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002. In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Debtors submit that no further notice is required.

Wherefore, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Order (a) authorizing the Debtors to enter into the L/C Facility Amendment and pay the Amendment Fee; (b) authorizing, but not requiring, the Debtors to increase the Total Facility from \$100 million to \$120 million and pay the Total Facility Fee upon such exercise; and (c) granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

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